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**REMARKS**

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 through 11 and 16 through 28 remain in this application.  
Claims 12 through 15 have been cancelled. No claims have been withdrawn.  
Claims 29 and 30 have been added.

The Examiner's rejections will be considered in the order of their occurrence in the Office Action.

**Paragraphs 1 through 4 of the Office Action**

Claims 3, 8, 15, 18 and 21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite.

While it is believed that the terms "compact flash" and "memory stick" are associated with readily identifiable standards (and "firewire" is simply another name for IEEE 1394), the above amendments to the claims are believed to clarify the requirements of the rejected claims, especially the particular points identified in the Office Action. It is submitted that USB and Universal Serial Bus and USB are not trademarks or tradenames, but represent a readily identifiable standard of data communication.

Withdrawal of the §112 rejection of claims 3, 8, 15, 18 and 21 is therefore respectfully requested.

**Paragraphs 5 through 13 of the Office Action**

Claims 1 through 22 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dayan in view of Omid.

Claims 23 through 28 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dayan in view of Omid and further in view of Moroz.

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Claim 1, particularly as amended, requires "at least two interfaces connected to said data conversion circuit to receive data from said data conversion circuit, each interface of said at least two interfaces being different from each other" and "at least two interface connectors, said at least two interface connectors being different from each other, each interface connector of said at least two interface connectors being connected to one of said at least two interfaces receiving data from said data conversion circuit".

Claim 16 as amended requires "placing a at least two portable devices on said charging mat, each of said portable devices having a second set of contacts located upon its bottom planar surface, and at least two of said second set of contacts on each of said portable device mating with at least two of said first set of contacts and said second set of contacts providing a closed circuit, said closed circuit providing power and communications to each of said portable devices" and "transferring data between said at least two portable devices through said charging mat".

Claim 19 as amended requires "a charge control switching circuit in communication with said first plurality of contacts, said charge control switching circuit being configured to determine which contacts of said first plurality of conductive contacts are in contact with contacts of said second plurality of contacts on the portable device when the portable device is positioned on said top planar surface and being configured to route power and modulated data to said contacts of said first plurality of contacts that are determined to be in contact with contacts of said second plurality of contacts on the device".

It is submitted that the cited patents, and especially the allegedly obvious combination of Dayan and Omidi and Dayan, Omidi and moroz set forth in the rejection of the Office Action, would not lead one skilled in the art to the applicant's invention as required by claims 1, 16, 17 and 19.

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Further, claims 2 through 7, which depend from claim 1, claims 8 through 11, which depend from claim 7, claim 18, which depends from claim 17, and claims 20 through 28, which depend from claim 19 also include the requirements discussed above and therefore are also submitted to be in condition for allowance.

Withdrawal of the §103(a) rejection of claims 1 through 11 and 16 through 28 is therefore respectfully requested.

### CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and remarks, early reconsideration and allowance of this application are most courteously solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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